<u>In the Claims</u>:

Please cancel Claims 16-26, without prejudice. The status of all claims is as follows:

1.   (Original)   A liquid crystal display comprising:

a pair of substrates provided opposite to each other and having electrodes;

a liquid crystal sealed between the pair of substrates; and

a pixel region including one or a plurality of low effective voltage areas in which an effective voltage applied to the liquid crystal is lower than a voltage applied between the electrodes, the low effective voltage areas occupying part of the region in a predetermined area ratio, the pixel region having a threshold voltage that is different between the one or plurality of low effective voltage areas and another area.

2.   (Original)   A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein:

the pixel region has a plurality of color filter layers which are formed at least either of the pair of substrates and which have center transmission wavelengths λk ($k = 1, 2, ..., N; N > 2$); and

a cell thickness dk of each pixel region having at least two kinds among the color filter layers satisfies a relationship expressed by:

$$|\Delta n(\lambda i) \cdot di/\lambda i - \Delta n(\lambda j) \cdot dj/\lambda j| < 0.2$$

$$(i, j = 1, 2, ..., N; i \neq j)$$

where $\Delta n(\lambda)$ represents birefringence of liquid crystal molecules against a wavelength λ.

3.   (Original)   A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein:

the pixel region has a plurality of color filter layers which are formed at least either of the pair of substrates and which have center transmission wavelengths λ_k ($k = 1, 2, ..., N; N > 2$); and

the product of the cell thickness d_k of each pixel region having the color filter layer whose center transmission wavelength λ_k is closest to 545 nm and birefringence $\Delta n(\lambda_k)$ of liquid crystal molecules against the center transmission wavelength λ_k satisfies a relationship expressed by:

$$250 \text{ nm} < \Delta n(\lambda_k) \cdot d_k < 450 \text{ nm}.$$

4.   (Original)   A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein: the pixel region has a plurality of color filter layers which are formed at least either of the pair of substrates and which have center transmission wavelengths λ_k ($k = 1, 2, ..., N; N > 2$);

a cell thickness d of the pixel region is substantially constant regardless of the center transmission wavelengths λ_k;

effective retardation $\Delta n(\lambda k, \theta k)$ of the liquid crystal layer at the time of application of a data voltage Vk that imparts a tilt angle θk to liquid crystal molecules satisfies a relationship expressed by:

$$|\Delta n(\lambda i, \theta i) \cdot d/\lambda i - \Delta n(\lambda j, \theta j) \cdot d/\lambda j| < 0.2$$

$$(i, j = 1, 2, ..., N; i \neq j)$$

between pixel regions each having two kinds among the color filter layers; and

chromaticity (x0, y0) of an incident light source which has been transmitted or reflected by the liquid crystal display panel and chromaticity (x1, y1) of display of white satisfy a relationship expressed by:

$$((x0 - x1)^2 + (y0 - y1)^2)^{1/2} < 0.1$$

when no polarizer is provided.

5.   (Original)   A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein:

the pixel region has a plurality of color filter layers which are formed at least either of the pair of substrates and which have center transmission wavelengths λk (k = 1, 2, ..., N; N > 2);

a cell thickness d of the pixel region is substantially constant regardless of the center transmission wavelengths λk; and

the product of the cell thickness d of the pixel region having the color filter layer with the shortest center transmission wavelength λk and birefringence $\Delta n(\lambda k)$ of liquid

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crystal molecules agaist the center transmission wavelength λk satisfies a relationship expressed by:

$$250 \text{ nm} < \Delta n(\lambda k) \cdot d < 450 \text{ nm}.$$

6. (Original) A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein the area ratio is in the range from 0.5 to 0.9.

7. (Original) A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein:

the threshold voltage of the low effective voltage area is higher than the threshold voltage of the other area by a predetermined voltage difference; and

the voltage difference is in the range from 0.1 V to 2.0 V.

8. (Original) A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein the area ratio varies depending on the center transmission wavelength λ of the color filter layer that the pixel region has.

9. (Original) A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein the low effective voltage area has a dielectric layer formed with a predetermined thickness on at least either of the electrodes.

10. (Original) A liquid crystal display according to claim 9, wherein the dielectric layer is formed like stripes having a predetermined layer width and gap width.

11. (Original) A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein the low effective voltage area has an electrode portion with blanks, formed on at least either of the electrodes.

12. (Original) A liquid crystal display according to claim 11, wherein the electrode portion with blanks is formed like stripes having a predetermined electrode width and gap width.

13. (Original) A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein the low effective voltage area is provided in the vicinity of an end of the pixel region.

14. (Original) A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein the liquid crystal is a nematic liquid crystal having negative dielectric constant anisotropy whose initial alignment is vertical to a surface of the substrates.

15. (Original) A liquid crystal display according to claim 14, further comprising an alignment regulating structure for regulating the alignment of the liquid crystal

provided on at least either of the substrates, wherein the pixel region has a plurality of

alignment regions in which the liquid crystal is aligned in different directions.

16-26. (Cancelled)